

The last few weeks of the school year 1938-39 at The Margaret Eaton School have been unusually busy and equally unusually festive. From the Dance Recital on April 29th until the Graduation Exercises almost a month later on May 26th, there seemed to be hardly a free moment for anyone, staff and students alike. The Dance Recital, given in Hart House Theatre, was lovely to those who know a little about the Modern Dance. How lovely it was to those who know the perfection possible in such movements or to those who know nothing about it, we are not in a position to say! Augustus Bridle, Music Critic of the Star, missed the point in a number of the dances. Miss MacDonald of the Telegram did a lot better. Everyone would agree that it was an effort worthy of The Margaret Eaton School, and Miss Hobday who trained the students, deserves a lot of credit. It is much more difficult to help students create their own dances than it is to teach them dances that have been created by someone else. It was nice to see so many of the graduates at the Recital. We thank all those who sold tickets - and those who bought them!

It was only a week or so after the Recital before the teachers were making out examination papers and bringing them in to the office to be typed. To the students it must have seemed only a matter of minutes before Anatomy, Remedials, Physiology, et cetera, et cetera, were upon them. But they took everything in their stride and by the 19th of May even the examinations were behind them.

At noon on the 20th of May, the Alumnae Luncheon was held when the seniors, staff and honorary members were guests of the Alumnae Association in the private dining-room of Eaton's Round Room. Anne Ross Thompson, the president, presided very ably and everyone voted it one of the pleasantest of these annual affairs. One of the most interesting parts of the programme was the reading of the letters from all over the country telling how the M.E.S. Graduates Day was celebrated in the different cities.

The night of the 20th, the annual Activities Association Banquet was held in the Roof Garden of the Park Plaza, one of the nicest A. A. Banquets in one of the nicest places for holding a banquet. A number of things made it unusual. Two of the girls sang a tribute to Miss Somers, a presentation of a lovely silver tray was made by the students to Miss Wardley, and Miss Hobday who was asked to respond to the toast to the staff, did so through the medium of a dance. The prophecy given in the form of a play, took us back to the time of Mary Leask and others of the class of '35 who also showed us what had actually happened to their classmates. That was the year the "Gem" was presented to the school, remember '35ers?

On the 21st, Joyce Jarvis entertained the seniors, her classmates, at tea, and on the 22nd the King and Queen visited Toronto, a wonderful day for everyone. Some of us saw them from the school, some from the street curb and some from both! The next day the seniors were the guests of Miss Somers at the Eaton Girls' Club Camp, Shadow Lake, where Bessie Pitt '25, nobly assisted by Mrs. Gardner in the kitchen, looked after everyone's comfort. In spite of the holiday on the 24th, we all worked indefatigably. For our demonstration was on the night of the 25th and it had to be up to standard even though we had already put so much effort into the Dance Recital. You will be glad to know that everything went off beautifully before a crowded house, the "house" being our own gymnasium. The next day the graduation exercises were held as usual in The Margaret Eaton Hall. Twenty-four young women received their diplomas, while four others will do so when they have completed their second month at camp and two others when they have passed their supplementary examination in

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Anatomy. The day was sunny and bright, and all the girls looked lovely. A feature of this graduation was the ceremony of Student Government in which Winnifred MacLennan, head girl for 1938-39 handed over the reins of office symbolized by a bronze discus thrower, to Jean Meredith, head girl for 1939-40.

As the Executive of the Alumnae Association will be sending you a letter telling of all the celebrations on March 28th, Graduates Day, there will not be so much need for news of the graduates here. There are a few items of interest, however, that may not appear in that letter. We are therefore giving our usual, though somewhat abbreviated

#### News Notes:

We all sympathize deeply with Miss Hamilton in the passing of her father, Mr. T. J. Hamilton of Fergus, on May the 18th. Mr. Hamilton was one of the salt of the earth, a true gentleman, of sterling integrity, gentle, kindly, interested in others, the type of man one had only to meet to recognize his worth. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Hamilton and to all the members of the family.

Miss Somers left by motor on Thursday for Vancouver where she will attend the biennial convention of the Canadian Physical Education Association. She will visit several of the larger cities on her way and some of you may have had a call from her ere this.

Miss Elizabeth Wardley who has been a member of the staff since the fall of 1933 is being married in the early fall to Mr. Ralph Raymer of Toronto. We are glad to be able to announce that Miss Wardley is not giving up all her work at M.E.S. but will remain on the staff as a part-time teacher. Miss Wardley is on the teaching staff of the Ontario Department of Education Summer School at Lake Couchiching for July and part of August.

Dorothy N. R. Jackson '27, also of the staff of M.E.S., is spending the summer at New York University.

Shirley Naylor '37, gold medallist of her year, who has been physical director at the Windsor Y.W.C.A. since her graduation, is coming on our staff in the fall. She is spending the summer at the University of Wisconsin. Y

Mary Adams '34 who teaches at St. Anthony's Secondary School, Sunderland, England, spent her Easter vacation in Holland.

Cecily Baalim '37 was married on June 10th to Mr. Robert Mitchell of Calgary.

Kathleen Bird '37 expects to attend the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor this summer.

Doris Cambridge '33 has resigned her position on the staff of the Winnipeg Y.W.C.A. and will be married in August to Mr. Eric O. Hargreaves of Pinner, Middlesex, England. They will live in England. Y

Elia Cooke '28 (Mrs. J.V.B. White) and her husband who is a chaplain with the regular British Army, are living in Malta now. Anthony John, born last September is a great source of pride and pleasure to them.

Marjorie Culbert '29 sailed on May 28th for Calcutta, India, where she will be physical director in the Young Women's Christian Association of that city. Miss Eleanor Cook of the Eaton Girls' Club, and a number of Marjorie's friends went down to Montreal to see her off. Y



Margaret Currie '28 has accepted a position with the Grenfell Mission in Labrador.

Margaret Ferguson '35 motored east with her family in the spring and paid the school a visit.

Lissen Glahn '38 was married in the Danish Church, Wellesley Street, Toronto, on May 5th to Mr. Fred Bodtke. In the fall Mr. and Mrs. Bodtke expect to live in Toronto.

Ruth Gray '28 is teaching dancing and dramatics at the East End Day Nursery, Toronto.

Friends of Grace Craig '28 will be glad to know that she is very much improved after her serious operation of last year.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Erma Hayes '28 in the death of her father, which occurred at Moose Jaw during the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. Norval Lambert (Kay Hornby '33) announce the birth on March 15th of their second daughter, Merlyn Catherine.

Helen Hurd '36 sails on June 23rd for England where she will take a cycling tour. Later she will attend the World Christian Youth Conference at Amsterdam as a delegate from the Y.W.C.A. and following that she will take the English Scandinavian Summer School course at Nonington, Kent.

Isabel Irwin '30 was married on Saturday May 13th to Mr. George H. Wilson of Toronto.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. George McCullagh (Phyllis Laidlaw '27) a son, on May 28, 1939.

Fannie Jit-Hing Lee '29 who teaches in the Diocesan Girls' School, Kowloon, Hong Kong, has been seriously ill, due partly to too much war work in addition to her regular teaching. She was somewhat better the last we heard.

Anne Maclean '29 was a recent visitor to the editorial office. Anne is the owner of the Emile Hairdressing salon in Halifax with a staff of six including two Frenchmen. She has electric baths and an exercise department and has big plans for the future of her establishment.

Ann McCulloch '27 (Mrs. Wm. Dilts) is now living in West Chester, Pennsylvania, eighteen miles from Philadelphia. Her husband's church is in this very interesting Quaker community.

Winnifred McEvoy '35 who is taking a course in Denmark this summer has been appointed to the staff of St. Margaret's School, Victoria, B.C.

Elva Miller '27 who has been teaching in the Y.W.C.A. and in the English School, Cairo, Egypt, is sailing for home on June 13th and should be in Toronto by the first week of July.

Jean Mooney '31 has been appointed to Elva's place in Cairo and will commence her work in the fall.

Gertrude Moore '15, physical director of women at the University of British Columbia and director of Moorecroft Camp, again has some of our students assisting her. Phoebe Hamilton who graduated this year is to be in charge of land and water sports and Rosemary Heseltine who has another year to go, is also to be on the staff.



Irma Moyer '31 (Mrs. John Manning) expects to leave India for Canada on July 8th. She will visit her husband's people in England on her way and should be home some time early in August.

Sylvia McAllister '12 (Mrs. Robert E. Hamill) was in the city for a short time this spring and in addition to seeing some of her M.E.S. friends, attended the Dance Recital on April 29th.

If there are no more war scares, Dorothy Prat '22 hopes to take a small party of girls to England this summer under the auspices of the University Travel Club.

Alison Preston '33 has been promoted to the head of the Physical Education Department of the Winnipeg Y.W.C.A. in Doris Cambridge's place.

Louise Proctor '36 (Mrs. R.C.W. Hooper) with her husband, Lieutenant Hooper, has moved to Halifax where they will probably be stationed for some time.

Virginia Race '37 has given up her position in the Brantford Y.W.C.A. and will enter Queen's University in the fall.

Grace Richer '37 is assisting Grace Craig at the Falconbridge Community Camp this summer.

Helen Ricker '37 has been appointed student assistant at Mount Allison University Sackville, N.B. She will be working for her degree and will assist in the physical education department.

Betty Snell '35 is to study at the University of Wisconsin this summer.

Lillian Thomson '27 (Mrs. Edmund Armstrong) with her two sons and small daughter, has joined Mr. Armstrong in Vancouver where they will make their home.

Lois Russell '28 (Mrs. E.S. Heaton) has two sons, Edwin Russell Heaton seven years old, and Jon Scott Heaton, born July 15, 1938.

Sterling Westland '27 (Mrs. Roy Robertson) was in Toronto a few weeks ago and called in at the school for a few minutes. We were very glad to see her.

Frances White '21 after spending the winter in a sports shop in one of Bermuda's nicest hotels, has gone to Jasper Park to take a similar position in the Lodge at that beautiful spot in the Rockies.

Mildred Wickson '27 directed a very successful dance recital given by her pupils in Hart House Theatre on May 12th.

Phyllis Wray '37, physical director for women at Dalhousie University, is to be director of Treaty Point Camp, Kenora, this summer.

We have just heard of the sudden death in Moose Jaw of Mary Leask's mother, Mrs. T. M. Leask. We all send Mary and her family our deepest sympathy.

Doris Weston '33 has given up her position at the University of Western Ontario and will study at the Ontario College of Education next year.

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